

### **Profile of Patrick Mdletshe**

#### **Chairperson of KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) Civil Society Forum and Deputy Chairperson KwaZulu-Natal Province Council on AIDS**

Patrick works as a field researcher for SECTION 27. He holds Diploma on information systems Compu-Tec Computer College (2001) High certificate on HIV and Law Wits University Law School (2012) and National certificate on Venture creation Durban University of Technology. Patrick is currently studying Business Management at Gordon Institute of Business Science University of Pretoria.

Patrick has been a long standing member of the treatment action campaign (TAC), he joined TAC in 2001 since then he has been very instrumental on building TAC in the province of KZN, he has been serving to the TAC National Council since 2003. He has been part of TAC KZN leadership as from 2002; he has been serving in different positions. Over the years he has rose a strong leader, in 2010 was elected as TAC KZN provincial chairperson to date.

Patrick has been serving in SANAC as a Law and Human right sector leader since 2012 to August 2014. Currently serving as a board member of the Local government work (LGA) also serving as special adviser of special project of Amnesty International South Africa. Since he joined SECTION27 he has been working extensively on establishment of AIDS council, he has been instrumental on building civil society voice in different provinces. Before working for SECTION27, he was working for South African National Zaka fund as Student development coordinator.

Patrick is human rights activists who believe on equality and justice for social change. In 2009 he was part of the delegation visited Palestine on solidarity visit, sharing South Africa experience.

Patrick regards himself as a catalyst for social change.